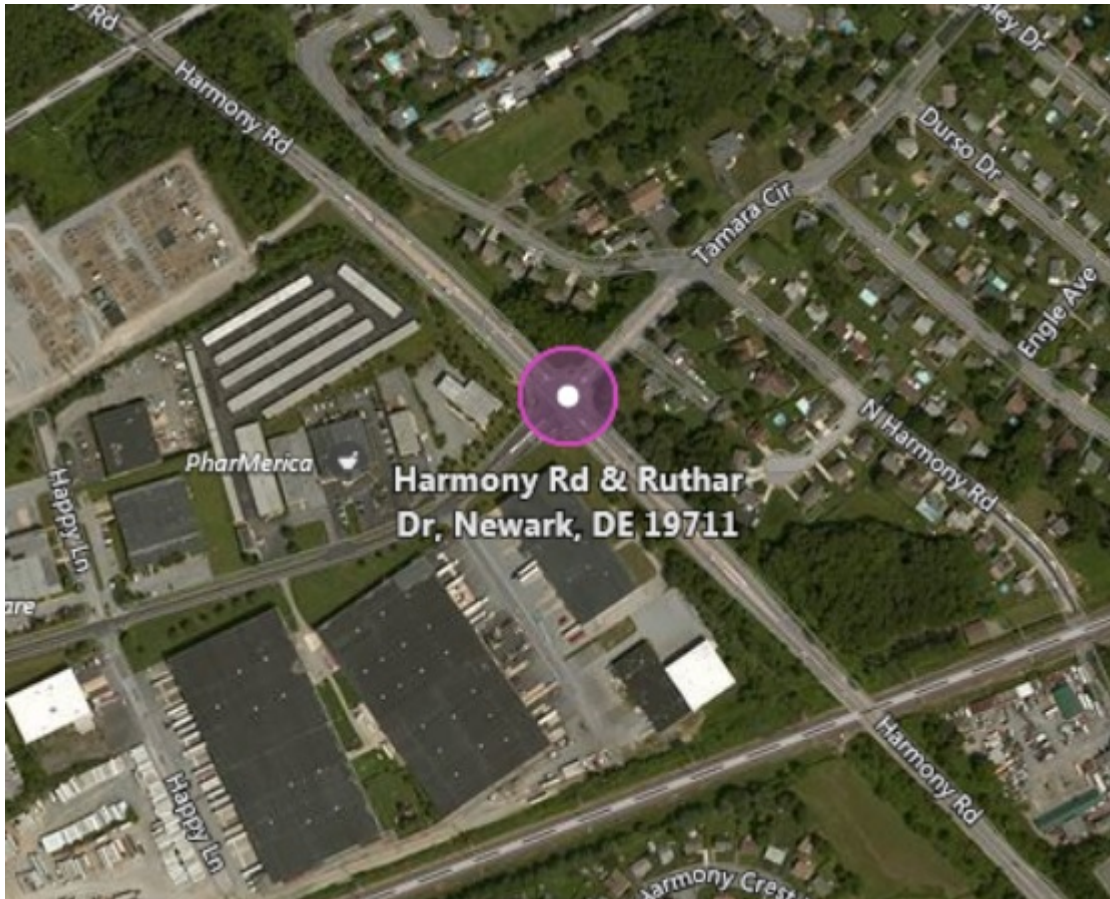


Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a School Bus - Update



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark (19711)- Delaware State Police continue to investigate a two vehicle crash involving a loaded school bus which occurred this morning east of Newark.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 8:13 a.m., as Janae S. Higgins, 22, of Newark, was operating a 2013 Toyota Prius and was attempting to make a left hand turn from eastbound Ruthar Drive onto northbound Harmony Road. As Higgins began the turn, she drove directly into the path of a 2007 Blue Bird school

bus, which was being operated by a 24 year old Bear, DE man, and which was traveling in a westbound direction on Ruthar Drive. The left hand front side of the bus, which was carrying approximately 30 students from the Las Americas Aspira Academy in Newark, then struck the front center of the Prius in the intersection where both vehicles then came to rest.

The male operator of the bus, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was transported to the Christiana Medical Center, where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries. A six year old female and a nine year old female, who were passengers on the bus, were removed from the scene by ambulance and transported to the A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, where they were treated for their non-life threatening injuries.

Janae Higgins, who was also properly restrained at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene before being transported by ambulance to the Christiana Medical Center where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries. She was cited by Troopers with Failure to Yield the Right of Way to Oncoming Traffic.

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